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SUBJECT: ILO CHAIRMANSIP OF GOVERNING BODY 1973-74

1. MEXICAN REP ON ILO GOVERNING BODY (GB) ARTURO MUNOZ- LEDO, IS CONSIDERING MEXICAN CAMPAIGN FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF GB FOR 1973-74, IN COMPETITION WITH SOVIET CANDIDATE, GOROSHKIN.

2. THE MEXICAN SECRETARY OF LABOR, PORFIRIO MUNOZ- LEDO, WHO IS BROTHER OF ARTURO, ARRIVED IN GENEVA JUNE 7, AND INDICATES THAT GOM IS CONSIDERING FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT, BUT IS TAKING SOUNDINGS OF SUPPORT WITH OTHER LA MEMBERS OF GB (PANAMA, JAMAICA, ARGENTIA) AS WELL AS OTHER MEMBERS BEFORE MAKING FOMMITMENT.

3. SINCE ONLY 47 SEATS ON GB ARE CURRENTLY FILLED (PRC HAS NOT RPT NOT APPEARED) 24 VOTES ARE REQUIRED FOR ELECTION. IT APPEARS MEXICO CAN COUNT ON 11 EMPLOYERS, 9 WORKERS AND THE U. S. GOVT. WITH EXPECTED SUPPORT FROM OTHER THREE LAS, AND, OF COURSE, MEXICO' S OWN VOTE, THIS BRINGS TOTAL TO A SAFE 25, NOT EVEN COUNTING A FEW VOTES FROM NON- LA GOVTS.

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4. ALTHOUGH SOME EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF GB FEEL THIS IS EUROPE' S YEAR FOR GB CHAIRMANSHIP, THIS VIEW NOT HELD BY ALL GB MEMBERS. LA AND AFRICAN REPS SAY THAT, IN MAKING THE 1972 DEAL UNDER WHICH THE FRG AND SOVIET CANDIDATES WITHDREW FROM COMPETITION IN FAVOR OF CANADIAN, LAS AND AFRICANS WERE NOT CONSULTED ON THIS DEAL, AND ARE NOT BOUND BY ANY UNDERSTANDING MADE SOLELY AMONG EUROPEANS.

5. IN VIEW OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO US- ILO RELATIONS OF AVOIDING A SOVIET CHAIRMAN OF GB, AND PROBABILITY THAT MEXICAN CANDIDACY WOULD SUCCEED, USDEL REQUESTS DEPARTMENT TO AUTHORIZE AMEMBASSY MEXICO TO INFORM GOM THAT SHOULD IT DECIDE TO PRESENT A FORMAL CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF ILO GB, ELECTION TO BE HELD JUNE 28, 1973, IT COULD EXPECT TO BE SUCCESSFUL, AND COULD COUNT ON US GOVT. SUPPORT. EMBASSY SHOULD BE GIVEN DISCRETION TO DO THIS IN WAY MOST LIKELY TO PERSUADE GOM TO GO AHEAD WITH ITS CANDIDACY. BASSIN

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